letters from her Majesty of an. advertisement had out of Spam that the Indian fleet was arrived and that one of them \vith loss of her mast was put into Porto Rico She commanded them therefore, seeing the weakness of Porto Rico, to possess themselves of that treasure and the rather for that it was not much out of the way to Nombre de Dios

On 27th September of last year by break of day the fleet reached the chief town of Grand Canaria and by nine were at anchor before the fort to the eastward of the town At one o'clock they offered to land 1,400 men in the sandy bay betwixt the fort and the town, but by this time the Spaniards had made a bulwark and planted ordnance so that our men could not knd without endangering the whole force, which the General would not do Then they went to the west end of the island and there watered , and here Captain Grimston going up the li?ll with six or seven in his company was set upon by the herdsmen, who with their dogs and staves killed him and most of his company Moreover the *Solomon's* surgeon was taken prisoner, who also disclosed the purpose of the voyage so that the Viceroy sent a carvel into the Indies to all places where our fleet had intended to go Howbeit they had previously received intelligence from the King of all our voyages the 8th August, which was three weeks before the fleet set forth from England, as also by a Fleming that had seen all their provision in London.

Thence the fleet stood away S W and S S W some two hundred leagues until they came in the height of the islands of Cape Verde and so to Dominica and Guadalupe, where Sir John Hawkins who had been separated came np to them again Here they watered, washed the ships, set up the

pinnaces and refreshed the soldiers on shore On 3oth October Captain Wignol in the *Francis,* a bark of 35 tons, was chased by five of the King of Spain's fngates or zabras, ships of *200* tons apiece, which came of purpose with three other zabras for the treasure of St John de Porto Rico The *Francis* going room with them, supposing they had been our own fleet, was taken , but they left her driving with four or five sick men in her, taking the rest into their ships, as was afterwards learnt of prisoners

In November they reached certain broken islands called Las Virgmes but could find no fresh water there, though much fish